

**Mayor/Council
Town Meeting – 8:00 PM
Wednesday, August 21, 2019
Municipal Building
Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: 8:00 PM

Roll Call: CM Barnes, CM Washington, CW Noble, CW Mann, CW Hines, Mayor Muhammad present. CM Kennedy, II arrived at 8:09PM. There was a quorum.

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Agenda: Motion by CW Hines to approve the agenda; seconded by CM Washington; all in favor; motion passed.

Approval of July 17 and August 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes: Motion by CM Washington to approve the July 17 minutes as amended; seconded by CW Hines; all in favor; motion passed; motion by CM Washington to approve the August 5 meeting minutes; all in favor; motion passed.

Legislation

Resolution 50-19 A Resolution to approve a consulting services agreement amendment with Greenwill Consulting Group, LLC as the Town Lobbyist extending the existing agreement for an additional annual term; motion by CM Kennedy II to waive the full reading; seconded by CM Washington; all in favor; motion by CM Washington to adopt Resolution 50-19; seconded by CW Hines; discussion; vote (7) yes; (0); motion passed.

Resolution 52-19 A Resolution to award a bid and approve a contract to Fort Myer Construction Corporation for the construction of a sidewalk along North Huron Drive; motion by CM Washington to waive the full reading; seconded by CW Hines; all in favor; motion by CM Kennedy II to adopt Resolution 52-19; seconded by CM Washington; discussion; vote; (7) yes (0) no; motion passed.

Resolution 53-19 A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland authorizing retaining special legal counsel regarding a public nuisance matter that adversely affects the Town; motion by CM Washington to waive the full reading; seconded by CW Hines; all in favor; motion by CM Kennedy II to adopt Resolution 53-19; seconded by CM Washington; discussion; Attorney Best explained that the resolution was for the town to join in on a federal class lawsuit, along with other municipalities and states, in regards to the current opioid crisis. The purpose of the litigation is to recoup losses by state and local governments spent in treating and using public services for the crisis. It would not cost the Town anything. Vote; (7) yes; (0) no; motion passed.

Resolution 54-19 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Choice Concrete Construction, Inc. to repair a cracked area of the concrete steps at the front of the Municipal Building; motion by CM Kennedy II to waive the full reading; seconded by CM Washington; all in favor; motion by CM Kennedy II to adopt Resolution 54-19; seconded by CM Washington; discussion; vote; (7) yes (0) no; motion passed.

Resolution 55-19 (re-read as Annexation Resolution 01-2019) For the Annexation of certain tax exempt and publicly owned properties located generally north of the present corporate limits of the Town of Forest Heights; extending along applying to, and including Indian Head Highway (MD 210); and certain tax-exempt parcels (Tax Map 96, Parcels 4,5 and 6), including portions of Indian Head Highway (MD 210); adjoining services, service access roads, any segment of Livingston Road into the corporate territory of the Town of Forest Heights; motion by CM Kennedy II to waive the full reading; seconded by CW Hines; all in favor; Point of order from Town Attorney that it should be read as Annexation Resolution 01-2019. Motion by CM Washington to approve the introduction of Annexation Resolution 01-2019; seconded by CW Hines; discussion; reading of Annexation Plan title;

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Public Period:

Ms. Janice Collins thanked the Mayor and Town council for the beautification efforts, the 70th anniversary reception, Forest Heights Day, and National Night Out. She also called attention to sitting water on her property on North Huron Drive that is causing pavement on the driveway to get damaged.

Mr. Larry Stoner asked why there had not been a reception for the departing police clerk, Latessa Crawford. Chief Rease answered that she had not wanted a large reception, and that she had left abruptly.

Mrs. Darlene Kuny spoke during the new business period and commented on the renovations of Forest Heights Elementary School.

New Business:

CW Mann stated that the Le Detroit Baptist Church has invited the Town to put together a letter regarding the benefits of annexation.

CM Kennedy II noted that Forest Heights Elementary School is working on a bioretention wall to mitigate flooding.

CW Hines announced that Forest Heights Elementary School is temporarily moving to John Hanson Montessori School due to structural damage. A meeting will be held at Forest Heights Elementary School on August 26 at 6:30 PM.

Motion to go into closed session: - Motion by CM Washington; seconded by CW Hines; all in favor; motion passed. enter at 9:09 p.m.

FORM OF STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING

Location: Town of Forest Heights, Maryland Date: August 21, 2019 Time: 9:09pm p.m.

Vote to Close Session:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Councilwoman Calvin Washington	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Councilman Robert Barnes	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Councilwoman Cynthia Mann	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Councilman Jonathon Kennedy, II	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Councilman Paula Noble	[X]	[]	[]	[]
Councilwoman Taunya Hines	[X]	[]	[]	[]

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION

State Government Article Section 10-508(a):

1.[]To discuss:

The appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom the Town has jurisdiction; or

Motion to adjourn the closed session at 9:49p.m. (7) Ayes all in favor. .

Persons attending closed session: Mayor Muhammad, CM Washington, CM Barnes, CM Kennedy II, CW Noble, CW Hines, CW Mann, Mr. Robinson Town Administrator, Mrs. Hawkins Town Clerk and Town Attorney Kevin Best, Police Chief Rease.

Resolution 56-19 To approve the employment and appointment of Antoine Williams as a Part-Time Police Officer to serve with the Forest Heights Police Department. motion by CM Kennedy II; seconded by CM Washington to waive the full reading; all in favor; motion by CM Washington; seconded by Kennedy II to adopt Resolution 56-19; discussion; vote; (7) yes (0) no; motion passed.

Resolution 57-19 To approve the employment and appointment of Tessie Hoffmann as a Full-Time Police Clerk in the Forest Heights Police Department. motion by CM Washington II; seconded by CM Kennedy II to waive the full reading; all in favor; motion by CM Washington; seconded by Kennedy II to adopt Resolution 57-19; discussion; vote; (7) yes (0) no; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:56 p.m.